GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT COORDINATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Coordination Forum for effective management of disasters and their aftermath;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the effective measures being taken by the Government to overcome these deficiencies;

(d) whether there is any proposal to make the coast guard the nodal agency to coordinate the activities of the Forum;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): To facilitate effective management of disasters, the Disaster Management Act, 2005 inter-alia provides for institutional mechanism at the national, state and district levels. At the National level, these include National Disaster Management Authority(NDMA) with the responsibility of laying down the policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management; National Executive Committee (NEC) with the responsibility for implementing the policies and plans of the NDMA and ensuring the compliance of directions issued by the Central Government for the purpose of disaster management in the country; and National Institute of Disaster Management

(NIDM) with the responsibility for planning and promoting training and research in the area of disaster management, documentation and development of national level information base relating to disaster management policies, prevention mechanisms and mitigation measures.

The Government has constituted NDMA, NEC and NIDMA in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

(d)to(f):No, Sir. However, Indian Coast Guard continues to be the nodal agency for combating oil pollution in the sea and the Central Coordination Authority for National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan.